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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on February 21, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the objection to page 18, lines 16-17 has not been sufficiently addressed. It is noted that the amendments to the specification regarding the adjustment mechanism as described in the last sentence on page 8 of the response were not found. Additionally, the rejection to claim 47 has not been sufficiently addressed; in particular, the change to claim 47, lines 7-8 is unclear since the infeed extension is set forth as being connected to itself. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404.

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